

SpeakEasy Singles group plans holiday dances, get-togethers

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If Kris Kringle wasn't a married man, he might be a jingling, mingling member of the SpeakEasy Singles — particularly this month.

The SpeakEasy Singles group will have a pair of holiday-themed dances, one on Saturday, Dec. 14, and the other on the last day of the month and year.

The singles' Snowball Flake/Christmas Dance will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, in the Wilson Student Union of West Virginia State University in Institute. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with admission being \$8 for SpeakEasy Singles members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Admission includes snacks. Beverages can be purchased for \$1 each.

Matt "Gunner" Pauley will DJ Saturday's gathering.

According to dance organizers, Saturday's dance dress code is "holiday casual to dressy." They advise you to wear what makes you feel most comfortable.

Saturday's dance is also intended as a "reunion" dance. Former singles who attended past dances and are now married are encouraged

to come and reacquaint themselves with current members.

Door prizes will be awarded during the night. Participants are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift to place under the tree.

Those attending are also encouraged to bring an ornament to add to the tree, as well.

Saturday's dance will also feature a "Snowy Night" photo wall, featuring members' and visitors' holiday photographs on display.

More information about Saturday's Snowball Flake/Christmas Dance is available by calling Ruth at 304-766-1041 or Nancy at 304-925-8024.

The SpeakEasy Singles' 29th annual New Year's Eve dance will also be held at the Wilson Student Union on the WVSU campus. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, and the dance, with DJ Randy Damron, will be held from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Jan. 1.

The recommended New Year's Eve dance attire is "dressy to very dressy," even formal, if you choose.

Plenty of food will be served during the evening, and party favors will be available to welcome 2014 resoundingly.

While there will be a live television feed of the New Year's ball dropping at midnight at Times Square in Manhattan, the singles' dance will mark the occasion with the dropping of more than 500 balloons during the New Year's toast.

A photo wall will also be on display for the New Year's Eve gala.

The SpeakEasy Singles ordinarily hosts monthly dances throughout the year, but there will be none in January. The monthly dances will resume on Feb. 8.

The group is also continuing its Thursday evening dinners in December. On Thursday, Dec. 12, diners will meet at the Red Lobster restaurant on Corridor G in South Charleston. The Dec. 19 destination is the Bob Evans restaurant in Cross Lanes.

Both dinners begin at 6 p.m. For further information, contact Howard at 304-776-4212.

Along with membership information, various other community activities recommended by SpeakEasy Singles are posted on the group's calendar at its website, www.speakeasysingles.com.

Voicemail inquiries can be made by calling 304-805-4109.